Merchant Shipping Act with reference to contemporary and future developments. The Committee submitted its report in April, 1992.

Implementation of pension scheme in D.T.C.

437. SHRl SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it. is a fact that Management of the Delhi Transport Corporation have failed to implement the Pension Scheme despite the union Cabinets approval;

(V) whether it is also a fact that the worker's union of the Corporation have agitated against decision; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are certain pre-requirements to implementation of Pension Scheme in Delhi Transport Corporation which are being completed by LTC and DTC in consultation with each other.

(b) No, Sir. •

(c) Question does not arise.

Purchase of oil tankers from South Korea by S.C.I.

438. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Witt the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to Staie:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shipping Corporation of Tndia have entered into a deal with two South Korea Companies for purchase of four Suez max oil tankers for $262.1 million;

(b) if so, what are the details of the deal; and

(c) whether current market rates for such tankers were taken into consideration while taking the deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Shipping Corporation of lndia has signed contracts with M/s. Samsung and Mis. Hyundai, both of SotUh Korea, for the construction and delivery of 4 Suez tankers of 1,40,000 D\VT each. The contractual price per vessel is US $ 65.53 million and hence the total investment involved works out to US $262.12 million.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Financial assistance to protect express-way In Tamil 'Nadu

439. SHRI J. S. RAJU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Wiil the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Govern ment has been drawn to the very dan gerous condition of Ennore expressway at Palahithottikuppam in Tiruvoitiyur near Madras;

(b) if so, whether any expert team has been sent to study the condtion; if so, what is its finding;

(c) what steps have since been taken to prevent forther sea erosion and to stop damage to expressway;

(d) whether any financial grant has been given to Government of Tamil Nadu to protect the expressway;

(e) how much money has already been spent on this work; what will the estimated cost to complete this whole work;

(f) how much time will it take to complete this work; and

(g) whether any permament arrangement to provide lights at night has been taken and if not the reasons therefor?